



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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*'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

### Year 1 Trip to Arundel Castle

We have planned a memorable and exciting trip to Arundel Castle on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. The trip will be a fabulous support to our learning about dragons and castles this term.

On arrival we will be met by an Education Guide and we will visit the Keep, Inner Gatehouse, Barbican, Armoury, Barons' Hall and if time, the gardens. In addition, we will have a session in the Education Room with an Education Guide who will explain about life in a medieval castle. The children will be able to handle various artefacts including clothes, weapons and armour to compare past and present lifestyles.

The children should come to school at the normal time; we will leave for Arundel Castle at approximately 9.15am and aim to return to school by the normal collection time of 3pm.

Children will require a packed lunch on this day. You may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch or alternatively, if you would like your child to have a Chartwells packed lunch, please select this option on the online order system. Please ensure you have cancelled your child's hot meal, or selected a packed lunch option by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Please provide them with a rucksack style bag to carry their lunch and also provide a water bottle and small snack.

Children should wear school uniform with sensible and comfortable shoes for walking in and ensure they have a waterproof jacket/coat. They should not bring cameras or money.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£20.00 per child** in order to cover the cost of the trip. This amount includes entry to the Castle, insurance and coach transport. Payments and consent should be made via ParentPay by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. You may wish to pay the balance in full, or make smaller payments over a period of time.

Although the contribution is voluntary, it should be pointed out that the visit may be cancelled if not all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. After the payment deadline, as above, has passed we will assess the viability of the trip and confirm if the trip is going ahead on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



We appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum. If you are in this position and have need of financial assistance, please apply in confidence to Mrs Smith (School Business Manager) in the office. It should also be stressed that if a family were unable to contribute, no child within the year group would be disadvantaged and be left out of the activity.

If you are able to come along on the day to assist with the trip and have an up-to-date DBS check completed by the school, please let the class teachers know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about this trip please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Levatine, Ms Gerring and Miss Chapman  
Year 1 class teachers